

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding grounds of objection and/or rejection are respectfully requested in light of the above amendments and the remarks that follow.

At the outset, applicants gratefully acknowledge the Examiner's allowance of claims 1-10 and the further indication that claims 11-15 contain allowable subject matter.

The Examiner has objected to the drawings for failing to indicate that Figures 1 and 2 are acknowledged prior art. Replacement page, including Figures 1 and 2, amended to incorporate the labels "Prior Art" is submitted herewith.

The Examiner has objected to the disclosure for the reasons stated on page 2 of the Official Action. Applicant has amended paragraph 6 as suggested by the Examiner thereby resolving the objection.

The Examiner has also objected to the specification as failing to provide proper antecedent basis for terms used in the claims identified in the paragraph bridging pages 2 and 3 of the Official Action. Applicants have amended the specification to incorporate language already used in the claims to thereby provide the required antecedent basis.

The Examiner has rejected claims 16-20 on prior art grounds and applicants have cancelled these claims.

Applicants have added new dependent claims 20 and 21 depending respectfully from independent claims 1 and 11, respectively.


It is respectfully submitted that the application is now in condition for immediate allowance and early passage to issue is requested. In the event, that any small matters remain

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outstanding, the Examiner is encouraged to telephone the undersigned so that the prosecution of this application can be expeditiously concluded.

Respectfully submitted,

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AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS

The attached sheet of drawings includes changes to Figs. 1 and 2. Please replace the original sheet, i.e., Figs. 1 and 2, with the attached replacement sheet. In Figs. 1 and 2, the label “Prior Art” has been added.

Attachment: Replacement Sheet(s)
Annotated Sheet Showing Changes

